



Joint Rapid Airfield Construction

Integration of Site Selection, Design, and Construction Tools

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<u>FY03</u>	<u>FY04</u>	<u>FY05</u>	<u>FY06</u>
\$162K	\$200K	\$200K	\$200K

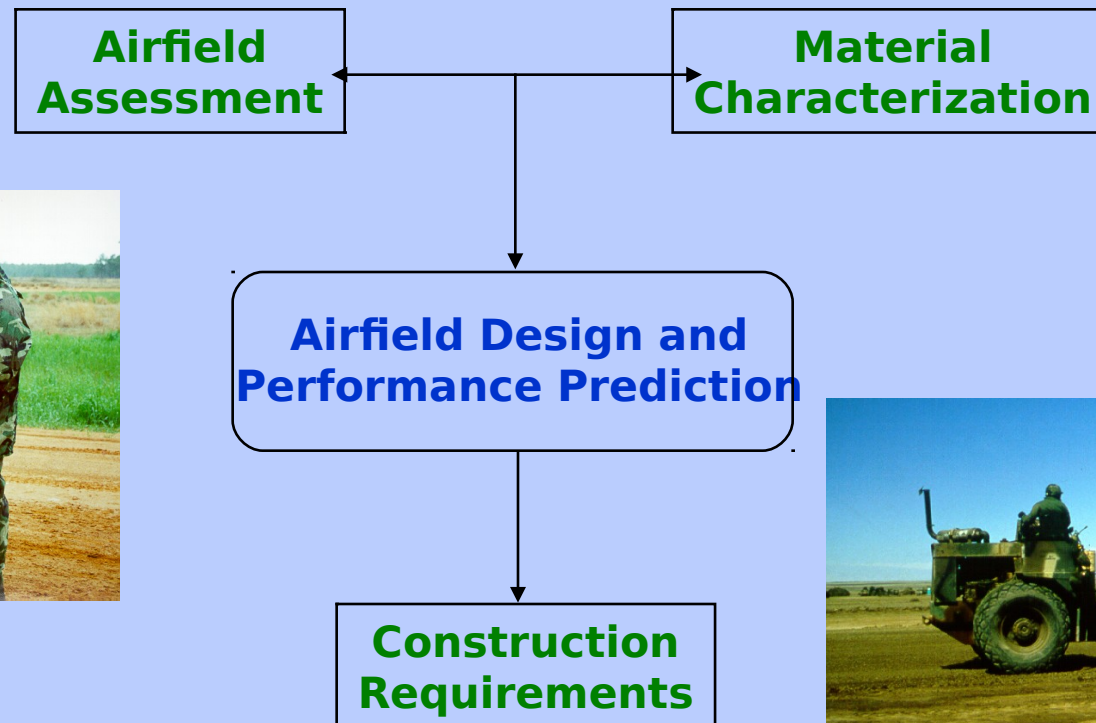
Objective: Develop and integrate the tools necessary for a complete and efficient design and construction process for contingency airfield construction.

Scope:

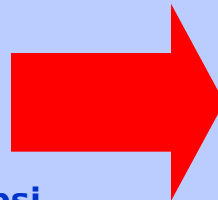
- **Product development and evaluation (FY03-04)** - will focus on design and execution tools that will assist in the construction of contingency airfields.
- **Integration (FY04-06)** - will focus on combining and ensuring technical compatibility between products from the three JRAC thrusts: *Site Selection, Enhanced Construction, and Rapid Stabilization.*

Plan/Progress/Approach

- **Plan** - Integration



- **Plan - Product Development and Evaluation**
 - **Evaluate COTS Products for Use as Rapid Quality Control Tools**
 - **Moisture Determination Devices - FY03**
 - *Conducted a study to evaluate eight different devices or methods*
 - *Evaluation of accuracy, repeatability, and ease of use*
 - **Non-Nuclear Density Devices - FY04**
 - **Develop Rapid Design Procedures for Various Airfield Geometries**
 - **Capability to design on site**
 - **Prepackaged designs that overlay rapidly acquired terrain data**
 - **Real-Time Statistical Evaluation of Construction Data**
 - **Optimize number of tests**
 - **Identify significant spatial differences**



- **Water Content Determination Study**
 - **Three different soil types each at three different moisture levels**
 - **CH - fat clay (buckshot)**
 - **SM - silty sand**
 - **ML - silt**
 - **Eight different methods or devices**
 - **Preliminary results**
 - **TDR lacks the accuracy but is very fast**
 - **Microwave appears to be a good solution (accuracy and speed)**

FY04 Demonstration Vision

- **Remember the name?**

“Integration of Site Selection, Design, and Construction Tools”

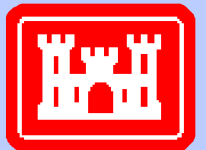
- **Create and Demonstrate the platform that will accommodate the required tools and capabilities**

- **Leverage existing Tele-Engineering Systems**

- ***Automated Route Reconnaissance Kit (ARRK)***
- ***TeleEngineering Communications Equipment - Deployable (TCE-D)***

Vehicle Capabilities

- **Reconnaissance (technical and tactical)**
- **Rapid and accurate topographic data collection**
- **Rapid, on-site, airfield design (complete and upgrade)**
- **Quality quality control and assurance (structural and geometric)**
- **Rapid data transmission**





Description:

- **Rapid topographic data collection**
- **A rapid design procedure and pre-packaged designs.**
- **Procedures and requirements for effective and efficient field testing.**
- **Synergy between material characteristics that are: 1) obtained during site assessment, 2) needed for performance prediction models, and 3) specified for construction control.**

Connectivity to other Work Units: This work unit will provide a critical link between the three JRAC research thrusts: site selection, enhanced construction productivity, and rapid stabilization.

Transition Medium: Products will either be integrated into the JRAC software package or identified as requirements through specifications.